

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement reminding Orange County residents to fill out and return their 2010 Census form. The results of the census will help determine how more than \$445 billion in federal funds – for everything from schools to roads to senior centers – are distributed to state and local governments over the next decade. It also affects the number of seats California gets in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“In these tough economic times, Orange County families don’t have the option of ignoring or forgetting the 2010 Census,” said Rep. Sanchez. “The reality is that our community depends on federal funding for schools, hospitals, senior centers, libraries, and other important programs. Every person who chooses not to fill out their census form or forgets to put a completed form in the mail costs the state of California \$3,000 annually. That’s a lot of money!

“Fewer than half of the households in Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim, and Fullerton have completed their census forms. Our community has got to do better. Talk to your family and friends, coworkers and neighbors, and make sure they know how important it is to participate. Don’t let California get shortchanged for the next ten years.”

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